

U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, DC 20530

OMB NO. 1524-0002, Expires February 28, 2014

**Supplemental Statement**

**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of  
1938, as amended**

For Six Month Period Ending July 31, 2013

(Insert date)

**I - REGISTRANT**

1. (a) Name of Registrant

(b) Registration No.

Brian Forni

6085

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant  
2400 M Street NW Apt 408  
Washington, DC 20037

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following?

(a) If an individual:

(1) Residence address(es)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(2) Citizenship	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3) Occupation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(b) If an organization:

(1) Name	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(2) Ownership or control	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(3) Branch offices	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Items (a) and (b) above.

**IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a).**3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C<sup>1</sup>, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.Yes ☐ No ☐If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>1</sup> The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

Formerly CRM-154

FORM NSD-2  
Revised 03/11

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4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period?Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Connection Ended
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5. (a) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in Item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, identify each such person and describe the service rendered.

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(b) During this six month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes ☐ No ☒

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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(c) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Date Terminated
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(d) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their connection with any foreign principal during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Foreign Principal	Date Terminated
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the supplemental statement?Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

n/a

**II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL**

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒  
If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal

Date of Termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal(s)<sup>2</sup> during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒  
If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and Address of Foreign Principal(s)

Date Acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principal(s)<sup>2</sup> whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

The Government of the Republic of Turkey

10. (a) Have you filed exhibits for the newly acquired foreign principal(s), if any, listed in Item 8?

Exhibit A<sup>3</sup> Yes ☐ No ☒Exhibit B<sup>4</sup> Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

- (b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>2</sup> The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9)). A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

<sup>3</sup> The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3 (Formerly CRM-157) sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

<sup>4</sup> The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4 (Formerly CRM-155) sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:  
Please see Exhibit A

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity<sup>5</sup> as defined below? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.  
Please see Exhibit A

13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits your foreign principal(s)? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

<sup>5</sup> The term "political activity" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

**IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION****14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.<sup>6</sup>

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
Feb. 28, 2013	Gephardt Group Govt. Affairs	Nov., Dec. & Jan. Salary	\$22,500
June 24, 2013	Gephardt Group Govt. Affairs	Feb., March & April Salary	\$22,500

\$45,000

Total

**(b) RECEIPTS - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fundraising campaign<sup>7</sup>, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D to your registration? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date \_\_\_\_\_

**(c) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value<sup>9</sup> other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Thing of Value	Purpose
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6, 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. (See Rule 201(e)).

8 An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

9 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

**15. (a) DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.  
I am a subcontractor and pay all my own expenses from the salary I receive.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
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**Total**

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(b) **DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value<sup>10</sup> other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
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(c) **DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value<sup>11</sup> in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
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<sup>10, 11</sup> Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

## V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. (a) During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials?<sup>12</sup>  
 Yes ☐ No ☒

If Yes, go to Item 17.

- (b) If you answered No to Item 16(a), do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If Yes, please forward the materials disseminated during the six month period to the Registration Unit for review.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- ☐ Radio or TV broadcasts ☐ Magazine or newspaper ☐ Motion picture films ☐ Letters or telegrams  
☐ Advertising campaigns ☐ Press releases ☐ Pamphlets or other publications ☐ Lectures or speeches  
☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## Electronic Communications

- ☐ Email  
☐ Website URL(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Social media websites URL(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- ☐ Public officials ☐ Newspapers ☐ Libraries  
☐ Legislators ☐ Editors ☐ Educational institutions  
☐ Government agencies ☐ Civic groups or associations ☐ Nationality groups  
☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- ☐ English ☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☐

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act?

Yes ☐ No ☐

<sup>12</sup> The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.



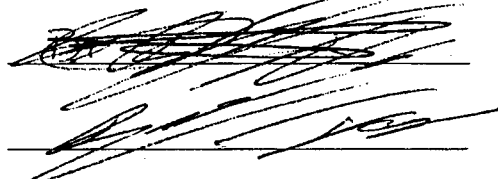
**VI - EXECUTION**

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature<sup>13</sup>)

8-30-13



Brian Fornie

<sup>13</sup> This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

**Mr. Brian Forni**

Registration #6085

Reporting Period: February 1, 2013 to July 31, 2013

Exhibit A

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in items 7,8, and 9 of this statement?

**REPUBLIC OF TURKEY**

The Registrant has continued to provide counsel in connection with strengthening the Turkish-American relationship and educating government officials on issues of importance to Turkey. The following activity occurred over the supplemental period:

In addition to weekly strategy meetings at the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey, Brian Forni engaged in the following activities:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
2/4/13	Met with Mary O'Keefe, Office of Rep Luke Messer (R-IN, regarding US-Turkish relations.
2/4/13	Met with Abby Dosoretz, Office of Rep Trey Radel (R-FL), regarding US-Turkish relations.
2/7/13	Met with Janelle Johnson, Office of Rep Karen Bass (D-CA), regarding US-Turkish relations.
2/7/13	Met with Jaime Boone, Office of Rep Brad Schuster (R-PA), regarding US-Turkish relations.
2/8/13	Emailed Jason Steinbaum, Office of Rep Eliot Engel (D-NY), regarding a meeting request.
2/11/13	Met with Rachel Dresen, Office of Rep. Ron DeSantis (R-FL), regarding US-Turkish relations.
2/11/13	Met with James Cho, Office of Rep. Lois Frankel (D-FL), regarding US-Turkish relations.
2/12/13	Met with Jedd Moskowitz, Office of Rep Grace Meng (D-NY), regarding US-Turkish relations.
2/13/13	Emailed Lauren Mladenka, Office of Rep William Keating (D-MA), regarding a meeting request.
2/14/13	Emailed Alan Makovsky, House Foreign Affairs Committee, regarding a meeting request.
2/14/13	Emailed Orfa Torres, Office of Rep Raul Ruiz (D-CA), regarding a meeting request.
2/19/13	Met with Mark Walker, House Foreign Affairs Committee, regarding US-Turkish relations.
2/19/13	Met with Frances Marquez, Office of Rep Alan Lowenthal (D-CA), regarding US-Turkish relations.
2/19/13	Met with David Bagby, Office of Rep Alan Grayson (D-FL), regarding US-Turkish relations.
2/20/13	Emailed Rachel Dresen, Office of Rep Ron DeSantis (R-FL), regarding US-Turkish relations.

2/20/13 Emailed James Cho, Office of Rep Lois Frankel (D-FL), regarding US-Turkish relations.  
2/20/13 Emailed Aaron Allen, Office of Rep Juan Vargas (D-CA), regarding US-Turkish relations.  
2/20/13 Emailed Brenna Hansen, Office of Rep Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ), regarding US-Turkish relations.  
2/20/13 Emailed Jeremy Harrell, Office of Rep Paul Gosar (R-AZ), regarding US-Turkish relations.  
2/20/13 Emailed Jeff Small, Office of Rep Scott Tipton (R-CO), regarding US-Turkish relations.  
2/20/13 Emailed David Rardin, Office of Rep Bill Johnson (R-OH), regarding US-Turkish relations.  
2/20/13 Emailed Nancy Gutwein, Office of Rep Todd Rokita (R-IN), regarding US-Turkish relations.  
2/22/13 Met with Vivek Kumbhakar, Office of Rep Raul Ruiz (D-CA), regarding US-Turkish relations.  
2/22/13 Emailed Ted Alexander, Office of Rep Chris Collins (R-NY), regarding a meeting request.  
2/25/13 Emailed Piper Crowell, Office of Rep Jared Huffman (D-CA), regarding a meeting request.  
2/25/13 Emailed Cara Toman, Office of Rep Brad Schneider (D-IL), regarding a meeting request.  
2/25/13 Emailed Mina Garcia, Office of Rep Tony Cardenas (D-CA), regarding a meeting request.  
2/26/13 Emailed James Hauser, Office of Rep Gloria Negrete McLeod (D-CA), regarding a meeting request.  
2/26/13 Emailed Chris Espinosa, Office of Rep Julia Brownley (D-CA), regarding a meeting request.  
2/26/13 Emailed Julia Steinberger, Office of Rep Mark Takano (D-CA), regarding a meeting request.  
2/27/13 Emailed Andy Leavitt, Office of Rep Dan Kildee (D-MI), regarding a meeting request.  
3/4/13 Met with Chris Espinosa, Office of Rep Julia Brownley (D-CA), regarding US-Turkish relations.  
3/7/13 Met with Julia Steinberger, Office of Rep Mark Takano (D-CA), regarding US-Turkish relations.  
3/8/13 Met with Yonnick Hammond, Office of Rep Jackie Walorski (R-IN), regarding US-Turkish Relations.  
3/12/13 Emailed Caitlin Callahan, Office of Rep Joe Heck (D-NV), regarding US-Turkish relations.  
3/12/13 Emailed Jedd Moskowitz, Office of Rep Grace Meng (D-NY), regarding US-Turkish relations.  
3/15/13 Met with Congressman Bill Keating (D-MA) regarding US-Turkish relations.  
3/15/13 Met with Congressman Eliot Engel (D-NY) regarding US-Turkish relations.  
3/21/13 Emailed David Bagby, Office of Rep Alan Grayson (D-FL), regarding US-Turkish relations.  
3/25/13 Met with Lorissa Bounds, Office of Rep Matt Salmon (R-AZ), regarding US-Turkish relations.  
3/28/13 Met with Michael Stewart, Office of Rep Markwayne Mullin (R-OK), regarding US-Turkish relations.  
4/1/13 Emailed Andy Leavitt, Office of Rep Dan Kildee (D-MI), regarding a meeting request.  
4/2/13 Met with Tim Ichniowski, Office of Rep Paul Cook (R-CA), regarding US-Turkish relations.

4/3/13 Emailed Carlos Uriarte, Office of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee (minority), regarding a meeting request.

4/4/13 Met with Steven Snodgrass, Office of Rep Greg Gallego (D-TX), regarding US-Turkish relations.

4/10/13 Emailed Jennifer Lundy, Office of Rep Darrell Issa (R-CA), regarding a scheduling request.

4/10/13 Met with Tyler Stapleton, Office of Rep Brad Schneider (D-IL), regarding US-Turkish relations.

4/10/13 Met with Mina Garcia, Office of Rep Tony Cardenas (D-CA), regarding US-Turkish relations.

4/12/13 Emailed Sean Snyder, Office of Rep Richard Hanna (R-NY), regarding US-Turkish relations.

4/12/13 Emailed Natalee Binkholder, Office of Rep Mick Mulvaney (R-SC), regarding US-Turkish relations.

4/16/13 Met with Jordan Blumenthal, Office of Rep Patrick Murphy (D-FL), regarding US-Turkish relations.

4/19/13 Met with Chris Cooper, Office of Rep David Joyce (R-OH), regarding US-Turkish relations.

4/30/13 Emailed James Hauser, Office of Rep Gloria Negrete McLeod (D-CA), regarding a meeting request.

4/30/13 Emailed Piper Crowell, Office of Rep Jared Huffman (D-CA), regarding a meeting request.

4/30/13 Emailed, Lisbeth Zeggane, Office of Rep Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH), regarding a meeting request.

5/1/13 Emailed Will Mitchell, Office of Rep Rick Nolan (D-MN), regarding a meeting request.

5/1/13 Emailed Isaac Padilla, Office of Rep Michelle Lujan Grisham (D-NM), regarding a meeting request.

5/6/13 Emailed Sean Snyder, Office of Rep Richard Hanna (R-NY), regarding US-Turkish relations.

5/6/13 Emailed Michael Stwarka, Office of Rep Markwayne Mullin (R-OK), regarding US-Turkish relations.

5/6/13 Emailed Tim Itnyre, Office of Rep Paul Cook (R-CA), regarding US-Turkish relations.

5/6/13 Emailed Omar Raschid, Office of Rep Ted Yoho (R-FL), regarding US-Turkish relations.

5/6/13 Emailed Aaron Allen, Office of Rep Juan Vargas (D-CA), regarding US-Turkish relations.

5/6/13 Emailed Carlos Uriarte, Committee on Government Oversight & Reform (Minority), regarding US-Turkish relations.

5/6/13 Emailed Todd Washam, Office of Rep James Sensenbrenner (R-WI), regarding US-Turkish relations.

5/6/13 Emailed Janelle Johnson, Office of Rep Karen Bass (D-CA), regarding US-Turkish relations.

5/6/13 Emailed Rachel Dresen, Office of Rep Ron DeSantis (R-FL), regarding US-Turkish relations.

5/10/13 Emailed Michelle Altman, Office of Rep James Lankford (R-OK), regarding US-Turkish relations.

5/13/13 Emailed Mavonne Garrity, Office of Rep Alan Lowenthal (D-CA), regarding US-Turkish relations.

5/15/13 Emailed Timothy Bergreen, Office of Rep Adam Schiff (D-CA), regarding US-Turkish relations.

5/20/13 Met with Will Mitchell, Office of Rep Rick Nolan (D-MN), regarding US-Turkish relations.

5/24/13 Met with Ben Barasky, Office of Rep Suzan DelBene (D-WA), regarding US-Turkish relations.

6/4/2013 Met with Congressman Bill Keating (D-MA) regarding US-Turkish relations.

6/4/2013 Met with Congressman Ed Royce (R-CA) regarding US-Turkish relations.

6/17/2013 Met with Casey Kustin, Office of Rep. Ted Deutch (D-FL), regarding US-Turkish relations.

6/17/2013 Emailed Ganesan Annamalai, Office of Rep Bill Keating (D-MA), regarding US-Turkish relations.

6/24/13 Emailed Jason Steinbaum, House Foreign Affairs Committee (minority), regarding US-Turkish relations.

6/24/13 Emailed Kaylan Koszela, Office of Rep Albio Sires (D-NJ), regarding US-Turkish relations.

6/24/13 Emailed Janelle Johnson, Office of Rep Karen Bass (D-CA), regarding US-Turkish relations.

6/24/13 Emailed Lisa Williams, Office of Rep Eni Faleomavaega (D-AS), regarding US-Turkish relations.

6/24/13 Emailed Tyler Stapleton, Office of Rep Brian Higgins (D-NY), regarding US-Turkish relations.

6/28/13 Met with Zach Howell, Office of Rep Ron DeSantis (R-FL), regarding US-Turkish relations.

7/9/13 Emailed Michael Hermann, Office of Rep Jim Langevin (D-RI), regarding US-Turkish relations.

7/16/13 Met with Michael Hermann, Office of Rep Jim Langevin (D-RI), regarding US-Turkish relations.

7/22/13 Emailed James Hauser, Office of Rep Gloria Negrete McLeod (D-CA), regarding a meeting request.

7/22/13 Emailed Donnica Hawes-Saunders, Office of Rep Joyce Beatty (D-OH), regarding a meeting request.

7/23/13 Emailed Nicole Bredahl, Office of Kevin Cramer (R-ND), regarding a meeting request.

7/23/13 Emailed Gordon Larsen, Office of Chris Stewart (R-UT), regarding a meeting request.

7/23/13 Emailed John Pezzullo, Office of Rep Doug LaMalfa (R-CA), regarding a meeting request.

7/26/13 Met with John Pezzullo, Office of Rep Doug LaMalfa (R-CA), regarding US-Turkish Relations.

## PRESS RELEASE

Geneva, 29 August 2013

### Major Sudanese armed group commits against anti-personnel mines

On 29<sup>th</sup> August 2013, a delegation of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement-North (SPLM-N) - a leading force of the armed and political opposition in Sudan - comprising the Deputy Chairman Abdelaziz Alhilu and the Secretary General Yasir Arman, signed the Geneva Call *Deed of Commitment for Adherence to a Total Ban on Anti-Personnel Mines and for Cooperation in Mine Action* in Geneva, Switzerland.

The SPLM-N is active in the Sudanese provinces of South Kordofan and Blue Nile. These two areas have been highly affected by the armed conflict that erupted in 2011 between the SPLM-N and the Sudanese armed forces. Anti-personnel (AP) mines have been reportedly used, and mine clearing activities have been hindered by the conflict.

In signing the *Deed of Commitment*, the SPLM-N agrees to prohibit the use, production and transfer of AP mines, to cooperate in humanitarian mine action activities and to destroy its stockpiles. The SPLM-N also agrees that Geneva Call and other independent organizations will monitor and verify its compliance with the *Deed of Commitment*.

"In compliance with our pledge, we will destroy all AP mines in our possession as soon as possible. These mines were captured or recovered during military operations", said Abdelaziz Alhilu, Deputy Chairman of the SPLM-N. "We are also ready to cooperate in other fields of humanitarian mine action and call upon the international community to assist us in this endeavor" he added. Geneva Call President, Elisabeth Decrey Warner, commended the SPLM-N for its humanitarian commitment and underlined that "every time a mine is destroyed or not laid, innocent lives are saved."

Geneva Call is also in dialogue with the SPLM-N on other humanitarian issues, notably the protection of children in armed conflict.

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